



Animal Protection Ordinance— Fact Sheet

- Effective date: July 23, 2010

Kennel/Cattery License

- Residential Kennel license for those who own more than 4 dogs
- Residential Cattery license for those who own more than 10 cats
- **ANY** resident may apply for Residential Kennel/Cattery License
- 20-year grandfather clause—any resident whose pets are properly licensed before **JULY 23, 2010** does not need to apply for Residential Kennel/Cattery License for period of 20 years

Spay/Neuter Protection

- Ordinance applicable only when pet owner fails to comply with other animal protection rules (e.g., dog/cat at large, current rabies vaccination, leash law)
- Dogs/cats over 7 months of age must be spayed/neutered
- Infirm dog/cats exempt
- Dogs/cats owned by recognized breeders exempt
- If dog/cat picked up, animal **WILL NOT** be altered without owner's consent

Microchip Protection

- Facilitates reunification of dogs/cats with owners
- Dogs/cats over 4 months of age must be microchipped
- Infirm dog/cats and/or dog/cats over 10 years of age exempt
- Dogs/cats kenneled in Riverside but reside elsewhere exempt

Dog License Amnesty Program

- July/August 2010—Apply at Public Works counter (4th floor, City Hall)
 - No late fees
 - **FREE** 1-year license for vaccinated, altered & microchipped dogs

Financial Assistance

- Low cost spay/neuter & microchipping services
 - City/County shelter (826-5311)
 - Cat spay/neuter: \$35
 - Dog spay/neuter: \$75
 - Microchip: \$28
- Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center Lifeline Program (688-4340)